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1. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO ARRIVED IN
NEW DELHI APRIL 25 WITH A 13-MAN ENTOURAGE FOR A
THREE-DAY VISIT. IN WELCOMING GROMYKO AT THE AIRPORT,
INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER A.B. VAJPAYEE SAID THAT IN
THE FOUR YEARS SINCE MR. GROMYKO LAST VISITED INDIA, MUCH
WATER HAS FLOWED IN THE GANGES AND VOLGA AND THAT THERE
HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES IN THE WORLD, BUT THAT "OUR
FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN A PERMANENT FACTOR," VAJPAYEE
SAID THAT MR. GROMYKO HAD RIGHTLY POINTED OUT THAT
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INDO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP WAS BASED IN PRINCIPLES.
IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES, VAJPAYEE
SAID , TO STRENGTHEN THIS FRIENDSHIP AND TO WORK
TOGETHER IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD. HE
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE
SUCCESSFUL AND THAT INDO-SOVIET COOPERATION WOULD
INCREASE.

2. ACCORDING TO SAMACHAR, THE INDIAN WIRE SERVICE, GROMYKO READ A PREPARED ONE-PAGE STATEMENT AND THEN ADDED A FEW REMARKS. IN HIS IMPROMPTU REMARKS, GROMYKO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE INDO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY WAS NOT INTENDED TO HURT ANY THIRD COUNTRY. "IT IS NOT SO AND IT WILL NOT BE SO", HE SAID. GROMYKO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HIS VISIT WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS WHICH ARE "NOT A RESULT OF TRANSIENT OR MOMENTARY CIRCUMSTANCES." HE ADDED, " WE HOPE THAT THE INDIAN LEADERS WILL HAVE THE SAME APPROACH." IN HIS PREPARED STATEMENT, GROMYKO SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD COME TO DELHI TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH INDIAN LEADERS ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS AND TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. IN THE THREE DECADES OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, HE SAID, INDO-SOVIET TIES IN MANY FIELDS HAD REACHED A HIGH LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT AND WITH THE SIGNING OF THE INDO-SOVIET TREATY, "THEY ACQUIRED A DURABLE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL BASIS." GROMYKO CHARACTERIZED INDO-SOVIET TIES AS "A GRAPHIC EXAMPLE OF FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS". THESE WELL-TESTED TIES, HE ADDED, SHOULD GO ON "UNSWERVINGLY, DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING IN ACCORDANCE WITH" THE TREATY. GROMYKO SAID, "THE SOVIET UNION INTENDS TO PROMOTE THIS STEADFASTLY. WE HOPE THE INDIAN SIDE WILL STRIVE TOWARDS THIS AS WELL."

3. THE SOVIET DELEGATION INCLUDES A.G. KOVLEV AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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N.P. FIRYUBIN, DEPUTY MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND I.T. GRISHIN, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE. THE SOVIETS WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY VAJPAYEE, COMMERCE MINISTER MOHAN DHARIA, AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

4. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS APRIL 24 REPORTED THAT AN MEA SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT THE GOI WAS CONSIDERING THE ABROGATION OF THE INDO-SOVIET TREATY, AS RECOMMENDED BY JANATA PARTY MP SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (REFTEL). THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GOI CONTINUED TO STAND BY ALL ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. SCHNEIDER

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